

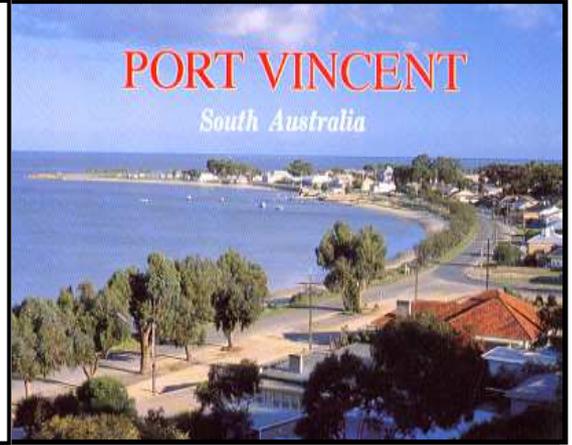
# A FOCAL POINT

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Isn't it great to finally see some warmer days creep into the week!  
The Progress Association has been busy setting some goals for the year ahead by selecting a major, minor and minimal project to work towards.

## Major

'Port Vincent Oval Rejuvenation Project'

Objective; to create a community recreational space that will cater to both community events and recreation for residents & visitors to enjoy exercise, play & spend family time. This project will be completed over a number of phases due to the size of the project –

We hope to be able to share the concept plans with the community in the very near future.

## Minor

'Institute Kitchen Upgrade'

Objective; to upgrade the Institute kitchen, to provide a modern, functional facility.

## Minimal

'Institute Breezeway'

Objective; to construct a breezeway access over the side entrance to the Institute, this will create a safer Exit door, weather protection, airflow & access to the Bathroom facility when hall is in use – This project will be in conjunction with the Yorke Peninsula Council.

These are the selected projects that the committee have prioritized. These projects will be actioned once planning, budgets & approvals are all met. The committee will still be working on other community projects and general progress business over the year. If you have any feedback, suggestions, concerns or wish to volunteer your services please feel free to contact a committee member or send us a email at [portvincentprogress@gmail.com](mailto:portvincentprogress@gmail.com)

Is it too soon to tell you all it's only approx. 12 Weeks till Christmas?!!  
Now that's a crazy thought!

## \*\* Port Vincent Community Calendar 2019

These will be available for purchase in October 2018 – Great Christmas Gift!!!  
\$20.00 each, All proceeds will be going towards our Major Project.

Regards  
Michelle Twelftree  
PVPA President

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This is my 9th issue of editing A Focal Point. I have to say that each time I read the articles that are submitted to me by the various clubs/organisations from our town I feel humbled by their commitment - so many volunteer hours are being spent in our town to better our community.

Port Vincent is a vibrant town—both for residents, traders and visitors. One might think that it is difficult to balance being a “retirement town” with a tourist destination. *But, the Port Vincent community does this effortlessly.*

In the words of Chris, a new resident to our town ***“I am in heaven, living the dream”***. Or, as one former resident Mal Pomeroy (and long-time Tidy Towns member) said, ***“This is God’s country”***. Families who are here for holidays return home having had, in the words of their kids, ***“the best time everrrrrr”***.

***It would be lovely to hear from residents and tourists about their experiences.***

The Progress Association recently offered a partial refund to those who had paid in advance for an annual subscription to A Focal Point. As we go to print, all those contacted have elected to donate these funds to the Progress Association. ***A big “thank you” to you all!***

**Sue Hall— afocalpoint2@gmail.com**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 29th September Visitor Information Office (opposite wharf) re-opens for the holiday season
- 29th September—Big Garage Sale at Senior Citizens –Main Street
- 29th September— Wine and Dine night—see P.3
- 29th September— Stansbury Seaside Markets
- 30th September—“Stacks On” at Barley Stacks Winery
- 30th September—CWA Pancake and home-made biscuit stall at the wharf
- 30th September— Rev Henry Ivey’s farewell
- 3rd October—140th Minlaton Show
- 4th October—Bowls Opening Tea Night
- 6-7th Curramulka 140th celebrations
- 6th ,10th,11th October—Pennant Bowls start
- 7th October—Opening of Sailing Club Season
- 7th October—Curramulka Farmer’s Market
- 11th November—Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
- 16-18th November—Edithburgh Festival
- 25th November—Coastal walk for Rural Cancer

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## Port Vincent Ventnor Hotel Social Club Inc.

When the Ventnor Hotel Social was formed in 1986 the Club had two objectives, to promote social interaction amongst Members and to donate to Charity. These two objectives remain paramount within the Club to this time.

During the 32 years the Club has operated, it has given over \$100,000.00 to various charities and local organisations (an average of \$3,125.00 annually). Many of the structures around our town have been helped through Social Club assistance; the Club donates annually towards one of the towns biggest events, Gala Day.

This year recipients of funds have been our local Coast Guard, to assist with replacing an item of equipment required by this essential service and the Royal Flying Doctor Service which benefits many patients in our area by transporting them to Adelaide following a medical emergency.

Palliative Care organisations also benefited. The Club presented a cheque for \$500.00 to SYP Friends of Palliative Care to assist with the refurbishing of Murphy's Haven at the Yorketown Hospital. This unit provides accommodation to the families of terminally ill patients who are receiving palliative care. We also presented \$500.00 to the Ardrossan Hospital. This will go towards the purchase of a Baxter pump. This pump dispenses medication for pain relief to palliative care patients. We hope these gifts assist in providing support to those needing these services.

The Port Vincent Ventnor Hotel Social Club is open to anyone who enjoys socialising and who believes in donating to the many and various local and state-wide charities.

B. Fairlie

**Right: \$500 cheque donation presented to Murphy's Haven—Yorketown Hospital**



**Left: Cheque being donated to the Yorketown Hospital for a Baxter pump.**

# **WINE AND DINE**



**Come and join us at the  
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Memorial Bowling Club**



**on**

**SATURDAY 29th September 2018**

**at 6.30pm**

**Drinks**

**Roast Dinner**

**Dessert**

**Cheese Platters**

**\$35.00p/p**

**all inclusive.**

**Tickets available from Special Events Committee**

**Julie Adams: 0438322451; Beth Fairley: 0408851360;**

**Helen Joraslafsky: 0419001420; Jan Polkinghorne: 0428542144.**

**Raffles and Wine Auction  
throughout the evening**

## SAF 10 REPORT

No assists since last report.

At Squadron Presentation Lunch the following awards were presented to SAF10 members:-

Training – Meritorious Award	Paul Crocker
Training – Meritorious Award	Bill Taylor
Operations – Meritorious Award	Gerry Poel
Most Efficient Boatman	Richard Ellis
20 years Service to Association	Lyle Snell
And an Appreciation Award to - “Murry River Salt” (Tide charts)	Duncan Thomson

Orontes Star is performing well with the new motor-leg fitted. Seahound now has A.I.S. (Automatic Identification System) fitted onto its Raymarine unit, to assist with Search and Rescue.

A special “Thank You” to members of Port Vincent C.W.A. for their generous donation presented to Coast Guard SAF10. It was very much appreciated.  
Yours in Safe Boating,

*Bill Taylor,  
SAF10 Advisor*

*September 2018*



### ***SUSAN DESPERATELY SEEKING***

A heated pool in Port Vincent to use approximately 3 times a week to assist with therapy for my arthritis.

If you have a heated pool available please call me on

0448 853 742

to discuss.

Thank you  
Sue Pike

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## RSL PORT VINCENT SUB BRANCH REPORT

***Hi everyone in our wider Veteran Community – that means all of us.***

Two years ago we opened our Museum in the Old Tennis Clubrooms and since then we have modified the building to give us more display area. The Port Vincent RSL is now in the process of rebuilding our Museum which is opened on Thursdays and Fridays from 1000-1200 hrs or any time by appointment.

We have been fortunate to gain a grant and this means new display cabinets, lighting and layout. So far we have the cabinets and have assembled them, and are now setting up displays and memorabilia that has been donated or on loan to us.

We are now concentrating on WW1 as it is 100 years since Armistice Day (Remembrance Day) and this year we are putting in a field of crosses with the names of those from our War Memorial that sailed forth for war service.

We already have some photos of the servicemen and women that served but ***if you have a photo/medals or an article from the WW1 era of your forbears that left from Port Vincent to serve, feel free to contact us, as we hope to get as many as we can, copy and display them, together with articles already donated or loaned.*** All originals will be returned next day. If you have anything relating to military service in any conflict and especially a photo, you are invited, if you so desire to place them on display in the museum. Everything is logged and labelled.

On the social scene we have had our monthly luncheon and as usual friendship, food and fun was the order of the day. Again we thank all our workers that make the day a success for all to enjoy.

Anyone in town and surrounding areas can join the Port Vincent RSL Sub Branch. Members are made up of currently serving and ex servicemen and women - as Service Members. Family members and those that have an interest in and believe in the RSL and its aims- as Affiliate members.

For further information contact the  
**President Barry Tozer on 0400534305 or the  
Secretary Trevor Clerke (TGL1) on 0422162204**

**LEST WE FORGET – WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE  
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

**To be held at the Port Vincent War Memorial,  
Kemp Street, Port Vincent.**

**SUNDAY DAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018  
Arrive 1025 for Service**

**ALL WELCOME.**



Vet 2 You

## SNAKE BITE AND YOUR PET

September is generally when snakes come out of hibernation. It is important to be aware of the increased presence of snakes to safeguard our pets.

Our canine companions are curious creatures and often attempt to play with or kill snakes, while our feline friends have a strong hunting and chasing instinct which exposes them to being bitten by a snake.

Unfortunately, the most common snakes that our pets are likely to encounter are also some of the most venomous snakes in the world!! These include the Eastern brown, Red-bellied black and Tiger snake.

If you suspect that your pet has come into contact with a snake, it is vital that you immediately seek veterinary attention. We keep anti-venom in stock throughout the year.

If you suspect that your pet has been bitten by a snake, contact your nearest vet immediately. Keep your pet as still as possible and carry them to your car, do not allow them to walk or move. Try to keep them calm and quiet. Transport them to the vet immediately. Do not attempt to catch a live snake as this will endanger yourself.

It is often almost impossible to find the site of the snake bite but they are usually bitten around the head, neck and front legs.

Signs that your pet may have been bitten by a snake include, dilated pupils, weakness in the hind legs, trembling, drooling, pale gums, shivering, vomiting, panting, collapse and possibly sudden death.

Cats may show these signs up to 2 days after being bitten!!

However, dogs usually react much quicker and ***is of utmost importance to seek veterinary assistance immediately.***

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### THANKYOU!!

I am totally humbled by all the visits, flowers, chocolates, phone calls, messages and get-well cards I received from friends and well-wishers during and post my recent Hospital admission. I am well on the way to a hopefully full recovery. Luckily, I am able to work on the computer with no ill effects and that is where I do most of my duties for the groups I am associated with.

Once again thank you for all your care and best wishes.

***Beth Fairlie***



*Port Vincent Golf Club Inc  
PO Box 274  
Port Vincent SA 5581*

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2018  
AT 7.30PM  
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## Port Vincent Branch

The September meeting celebrated the Branch's 36<sup>th</sup> birthday, with past members, Muriel Bartley and Jeanette Holmes attending, along with other guests. Gifts were exchanged and the pooled lunch enjoyed by all, with Muriel, a past Branch President, cutting the birthday cake, which was made by Kathleen Smith.

Following lunch the branch's donation of \$500 was presented to representatives of the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard South Australian Flotilla 10, Bill Taylor and Paul Crocker, who spoke about the training required and operations of their fleet.

The day's roll call was 'Your favourite football team', with approximately equal numbers for the Crows and the Power, and Sturt in SANFL. One Bulldogs supporter had several items of memorabilia to display!

The six members who attended the Royal Adelaide Show enjoyed the days they worked in the SACWA Country Café doing many different tasks asked of them.

Plans for the March 2019 SACWA State Council to be held in Port Vincent are going ahead, with many accommodation places being booked for the 2 (or more) days.

A pancake and home-made biscuit stall is to be held on the wharf on Sunday 30 September.

Meetings are held at the Senior Citizens hall on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 1.30 pm. Guests are most welcome. Please contact President, Kathleen Smith on



Presentation of the \$500 donation to the Coastguard

Muriel Bartley cutting the 36th birthday cake



# TIDY TOWN'S REPORT



September has seen the Group continue with our usual maintenance around town and having identified a hazard on one of the walkways on the Back Beach decided to block access to prevent possible injury to anyone who chose to use it.

The pontoon has been painted and will be installed when weather improves and tides are more suitable. We have continued with cleaning up of our site and the surrounds of Bennett Park and I must admit the guys have got it looking pretty good,. When I look back we have certainly come a long way.

The idea of relocating from the old site opposite the Wharf area (now the Information Centre) was suggested nearly 20 years ago. We finally saw the process come into being by mid-2012. After a lot of assistance from Council the site chosen was to be at the rear of Bennett Park. Grants were applied for and received to assist with the building and doing interior works, and construction started early September. I have included 2 photos to show the start and finish of the project and I think you will agree with me in saying all those involved can be extremely proud of their efforts.

Des Chambers—Secretary



**Before - lots of work awaits!**

**After—an amazing result!**



## The “Rod and Dot Beer” Era in Port Vincent ends!

Grant and I first met Rod and Dot in 2007, when we arrived in Port Vincent after purchasing the IGA. I think that the only reason we got to meet them was because Dot brought her youngest son, Russell Deakin, in to say hello to us. My team had played tennis against his team in the Riverland, and we had played in Association teams together in badminton, for many years. He was also married to my cousin.

Well, wasn't that lucky. Like many other lucky people in Port Vincent and across Australia, we formed a warm and wonderful friendship with them.

They were both very sporting people, with Rod having played footy for Curramulka during his youth (a LONG time ago!). He has his photo in the Curramulka pub twice for winning both the A and B grade football premierships on the same day! Dot played a good game of tennis in her younger days in Renmark, where she married the father of her 5 children. Dot was a nursing sister for all of her working life, and kept in touch with a couple of workmates up until her death in June 2016.

When Rod and Dot got together, they played bowls for Berri, and that became a big part of their life. They just happened to both be very good at it. Dot was Ladies Bowls Club Champion four times at Berri and Port Vincent.

When we met them, Rod had stopped playing bowls, and had found a passion fishing for whiting. Grant and Rod started fishing together with the latter teaching the “newby” the intricacies of catching fish. Dot was quite worried about this because Rod's two previous best fishing mates had died, and as we know, things happen in threes!! Thank goodness that was not to be. Rod would be driving home from a successful fishing trip and see visitors down by the sea and offer them some fresh fish, or would drive to people's homes where he knew they loved fish but could no longer go out to catch them, and give them some filleted whiting.

Dot was still playing bowls regularly, and from what other people tell me, she was a force to be reckoned with on the bowls green. I loved her down to earth, no nonsense attitude to everything. She “told” me that I should learn to play the fabulous card game of bridge, and despite my complaints that I didn't have time because of work, she persevered and started the lessons. Best thing ever.

When I started, all of the oldies used to say that they would play 7 days a week if they could, and I would think to myself “Poor old things need to get a life” but boy, did I have to take that back, because that is EXACTLY how I feel now.

I have a couple of great memories of playing with Dot. One was that for quite a few months, when she and I played together we would get terrible cards and terrible results. We pulled up at Nancy Hales house one day to play, and I said to her, I am sick of these poor results, we will get 600 together today (200 would have been quite good). We laughed BUT we scored over 600 that day, and Dot came first for the day, and I was second. It was a good trip home that night.

I don't think she would mind me telling the other story. I must first remind you that the saying “old farts” is a saying for a good reason, as we all find out as we age. We were playing one day, and one of Dot's cards dropped to the ground. She was 90 at the time and I was somewhat younger, so I bent down to pick it up for her. When my head was at her bum level, she farted. As I picked the card up I looked up at her and said “Thank you very much for that” and she looked down at me and said, in the sweetest voice “You're welcome” with the most gorgeous grin on her face.

For the 7 years that I was lucky enough to play bridge with her, Dot was either first or second for the whole year. She was the oldest of us all, but the fastest player and the best. If only we could transplant brains!! Hers was fabulous.

Caravanning was something else they enjoyed, and they regularly travelled to Woolgoolga where they would stay for a while. (check out the photo on Page 11). They did leave PV for a short time, and ended up in Eden, a beautiful town where they were happy. But when Russell died, she wanted to come home to be closer to her family. Her 5 children are all chips off the old block, very social, keep very strong, long term friendships, and are great company.

Sadly, the time has come for Rod to move into full time aged care, and we are sorry to see Rod leave the town to move to Murray Bridge and we sure do wish him all the best in his move.

We are wondering if we should pre-warn all of the single ladies at the home!! BUT, he will be leaving us with his wonderful son and daughter-in-law, Trevor and Sue, who visit PV regularly.

Sue Caddy - see next page for footnote

Right: Dot and Rod Beer about to head off on their caravanning adventures.  
Circa 2012



**Footnote:** Thank you Sue for taking the time to share these wonderful memories with us. Dot's daughter Kay has asked me to pass on her best wishes to all those in Port Vincent who befriended their mum and Rod. Kay tells me that Dot considered Sue Caddy her "Port Vincent daughter". Clearly they had a special relationship.

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## PORT VINCENT FISHING REPORT

Early season signs are very encouraging with small catches of nice size Blue crab being caught in deeper water in the last two weeks . Only in numbers of 5 & 6 but these crab are full of meat. It will take longer for them to reach the shore for rakers and once the weather and the water warms up they will be in close for all.

As always, please do the right thing & take only what you are going to eat today. There is no need to take more or take 20 everyday so the entire family and friends can have a share. Tell them they are here and let them get their own or one day like it was 4 years ago, they will run out.

Similar reports of garfish are coming in from boaties, only small numbers, but nice sized fish & as it is still very cold, these are good signs.

There are schools of mullet swimming about but they are very finicky and hard to entice into a bait.

Yellowfin whiting continue to be the catch of the day with good numbers off the spit near the main caravan park, Sheok Flat is also worth a try for this lovely table fish. No need to fish deep or get wet as these fish will come right into the shoreline into 8-10 inches of water. They do like clean and calm conditions on good tides.

King George whiting quotas are being caught regularly and they are slowly moving closer to shore so try your Sheok spots before heading to deeper water.

Squid, yes indeed, squid for all weather, from the boat or trying your luck from the wharf after dusk, there are squid to be caught from both areas. If the tides are not quite right, fear not as they will still take a bait on those slow tide days.

Port Vincent Outdoors will be open for regular spring and summer hours.

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Happy fishing  
Rod, Beth and Asta



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## U3AYP NEWS

The first term for this financial year is coming to an end and what a busy time it has been with many members being available to attend several courses. The highlight for many this term was the annual bus trip and members leaving from Minlaton were very organized to be catching the Benbows bus at 6.45am. However, well worth it as arrival at the ABC at 10.30am was achieved even with fitting morning tea in at Dublin (thank you to members who supplied the scrumptious eats).

David Brevhans who had just complete his segment on air gave a most interesting summary of his 22years with ABC along with another Journalist who reported on how changes have occurred with the gathering of Regional news and the value of Iphones and Drones. Lunch was catered for by the ABC Cafe and this also received accolades plus. The afternoon saw members deciding to go either to the Aviation museum at Parafield or the Golden Grove Garden Nursery – both had presentations. Along with the verbal comments written feedback given for this day rated it a great success for information, education and socialization. Peter the Bus driver also received accolades for his professional skills coping with traffic and ensuring we were on time.

Mah Jong for Beginners was offered again this term and attracted ten new players. Some then took the opportunity to attend the Mah Jong Fest held in Kadina.

Margaret Hamilton once again offered to be session leader for Visiting Businesses in Minlaton and what an interesting day that was. From Home @ Minlaton to WhatsaCowrie Brewery Co.; onto SYP Motors for a most interesting talk on equipment, not only seniors, but for others requiring support for various health conditions; and the last venue visited was the Chocolaterie. Unfortunately the rain was so heavy when the visit to the Caravan Park was due it had to be cancelled.

A new course “Free Drawing” show cased at the AGM is up and running at Ardrossan – so this has added to the diversity of topics. Games Day at Ardrossan will be one of the last courses this term and members travel from as far as Wallaroo, and across to Price for this most enjoyable brain stimulating event. A visit was planned for the Brentwood Cemetery and Church, however due to the clashing of a couple of courses this has been deferred to October and sincere appreciation to the willingness of Sue Honner and Kerry Watters for accommodating this change. Just in mentioning a few, next term will see Interesting health Topics; Fauna & Flora (new course starting), Mah Jong and Knowing More About your Library courses being run in Minlaton.

Remember, if you are interested, a phone call can provide further information about U3AYP and Joyce at Minlaton 0427792271; or Irene at Curramulka 0429805901 are the local people to make contact with.

The Publicity Officer Sue is overseas so Helen has filled in with this report. It is greatly appreciated that reports such as this one can keep Port Vincent and surrounding communities in touch with U3AYP.

*“we are communities of people who come together to learn from one another”*  
Sue 0429670738, Joyce 88532489, Irene 0429805901 or Helen 88322381

*Helen (for) Sue Mulraney*

U3AYP Publicity Officer

# **PORT VINCENT TRADERS' REPORT**

## **Town Map/Advertising :**

The new town sign for the corner of St Vincent Highway and Lime Kiln Road has been finished, and as you read this report, the old sign will have been removed, and we are hoping that by the end of the October School Holidays, the new sign will be up.

Vickie Easter has also reported that all of the spots on the Traders' sign and map on the foreshore near the public toilets have been filled up and alterations are being made, and we are just waiting on sign writing to be finalized.

## **Brochures:**

Two brochures, "30 Things to do in Port Vincent" and "Port Vincent, Get Hooked on it" are currently being proof read, and we are hopeful that they will be printed either before the LWE or just after it.

Because we are all businesses and hope that people shop with us rather than Adelaide or on the net, we have procured a quote from Pioneer Printing Office in Yorketown. \$763 each for 3,000 copies of both brochures BUT with 20% discount if we get them printed together.

## **Christmas decorations for the town** – some festive cheer:

The committee has agreed that Meredith go ahead with purchasing red bows (for streets) for Xmas.

Christmas Banner : Sue received a quote for a Traders Xmas banner. When artwork comes through Sue will send to the committee for comment, and approval.

## **Major Event : Fishing Competition**

Shane reported that there will be 2 categories, shore fishing and boat. Traders are currently working on a Budget. Port Vincent Hotel to underwrite this year, rather than the traders' group. A big "thank you" to Shane and Merridy for their generosity.

## **Calendar of Events :**

Meredith has worked hard to get an event list produced – she is updating this fortnightly and emailing to all interested parties in the town.

## **Website :**

Progress has approved our suggestion to go ahead with the new web-site – more details later.

## **2018/19 Membership Fees :**

After discussion, traders agreed \$100 per year subscription fee.

**Sue Caddy**  
**Secretary**

## LOCAL WINTER SPORTS RESULTS

### CMS CROWS—SENIORS

Congratulations to these Netball and Football teams for making the Grand Final

#### NETBALL: 2 Premierships

**A Grade:** CMS Crows 42 def Paskeville 35  
Best on Court—Bronwyn Farrow

**B Grade:** CMS Crows 31 def Sthn Eagles 19  
Best on Court—Tyla Cook

**D Grade:** Paskeville 39 def CMS Crows 36  
Best on Court—Sarah Webster-Spratt

#### FOOTBALL:

**B Grade:** CMS Crows 47 def Wallaroo 17

*Well done to all teams who represented the CMS Crows throughout the year.*



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## September update

On 5 September when the Marshall Liberal Government's first State Budget was handed down I described it as a "gale of fresh air after 16 years of city-centric Labor" -- and that it is, with plenty in it for regions. It is a budget that makes the tough decisions that are necessary to ensure we return to living within our means but also delivers the promises that were made during the election.

I was very pleased with the investments announced for Narungga: the \$88.5 million Port Wakefield overpass and four lane highway project; the \$720,000 for Ardrossan Hospital to ensure continuance of vital accident and emergency services and palliative care and sub-acute care services; and the \$605,000 for Yorketown Hospital to upgrade surgical facilities and employ more staff.

Other highlights were the \$12 million for additional chemotherapy services in regional areas; \$150 million for the Regional Growth Fund; \$10 million for Mobile Phone Black Spots; \$315 million Regional Roads and Infrastructure Fund; \$20 million for the Rural Health Workforce Strategy; \$10 million for grassroots community sports clubs; and \$613.1 million tax relief over four years being reductions in the Emergency Services Levy and Payroll and Land Tax.

The August break from Parliament enabled me to increase my travel around the electorate, which included visiting Marion Bay to discuss power issues, Yorketown to meet with Friends of the Yorketown Hospital, and Minlaton to visit YP Community Transport. I've also had valuable visits from Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development the Hon. Tim Whetstone MP (which included meetings with oyster farmers at Stansbury, marine scale fishers at Wallaroo, and landowners at Maitland re mining reform) and from Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment the Hon David Ridgway MLC which included a tourism forum at Watsacowie Brewery at Minlaton.

Last Friday, 14 September, I was pleased to open the annual Friends of Parks forum at Stenhouse Bay and address an estimated 200 delegates from around the State who spent the weekend at Innes National Park experiencing local tours and conference activities. Well done to the Friends of Innes for hosting this major event, with support from Friends of Troubridge Island and Friends of Althorpe Island.

Other highlights last week included a screening of "The Ripple Effect" by SOS Yorke's Suicide Prevention Network in Maitland that I attended with the Hon. John Dawkins MLC, and a visit to the new Kadina Youth Centre, a project of the SOS Copper Coast Suicide Prevention Network. I was pleased to speak in Parliament on 6 September about the importance of RUOK Day which provided an opportunity to highlight the amazing work being done by these two local Suicide Prevention Networks, their volunteer members making a real difference to the lives of many in our community.

In Grants news, the SA Youth Week program opened on 10 September and I encourage organisations that work with youth to apply for funds of up to \$2,000 to host events during next year's SA Youth Week. More information: [www.officeforyouth.sa.gov.au/sayw](http://www.officeforyouth.sa.gov.au/sayw)

The next round of Active Club grants has also opened for clubs seeking new equipment. More information: [http://ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply\\_for\\_funding/active\\_club\\_program](http://ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply_for_funding/active_club_program).

For assistance with any State matters, call the Maitland electorate office on 88322455 or email [narungga@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:narungga@parliament.sa.gov.au)



## Port Vincent Uniting Church

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday at 9.15am  
ALL WELCOME

### Speakers: October 2018

- 7 Reverend Ian Clarkson - HC
- 14 Congregation
- 21 Max Pannell
- 28 Keith Nankivell

### BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday at 2pm.  
Everyone welcome.

### CALL TO PRAYER

Every Thursday at 10am.  
Everyone welcome.

### ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Weather permitting we will be having our meeting out in our beautiful garden when Simon Collins from Yorkreations will address the group.

### THE DROP-IN CENTRE

Welcome all to call in on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am – 12 noon for a cuppa, a chat and a browse. There are lots of bargains, a variety of goods and at a very good price.

**The Drop-in will be open on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October from 10am to 12 noon.**

**(refer Page 18 for further details)**

### THE SEWING GROUP

Meets every Friday from 10am - 12 noon.

There is a display of their work which is for sale. Funds raised will be sent to Uganda for the "Support-a-Teacher" Project.



### A GARDEN OF THE HEART

In the garden of the heart friendship's flower opens wide when we shower it with kindness as our love shines from inside.

*"You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry".  
Psalm 10:17*

Today plant the seed of friendship within your heart. With showers of kindness and warmth of love your friendships will grow.



## Port Vincent Drop In Report

The drop in recently celebrated it's 27<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is a privilege to be the Co-ordinator of this worthwhile community hub.

It was started 27 years ago by Colleen Agnew and Enid Booth for people to get together to have a chat, coffee, laugh and prayer and I know they would be pleased to see it is still going strong today.

Thanks to those who donate and those who buy as we were able to recently able to donate \$500 to the drought appeal. This was in addition to \$620 in cash donations from church members and drop in ladies.

If you haven't been in yet pop in and say hello and have a cuppa with us.

All are welcome to call in on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am – 12 noon for a cuppa, a chat and a browse—**Uniting Church, Main Street**  
There are lots of bargains, a variety of goods and at a very good price.

Janice Harris. (On behalf of the best bunch of volunteer helpers in Port Vincent)

Janice Harris (left) and Joan Cotton cutting the cake to celebrate 27 years since the Drop-In centre opened. Janice is the co-ordinator of the Drop-In and Joan helps with Morning Teas. Many years ago Joan's mother Isabel did the same thing as Joan is doing now.



# ST NEOT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

(Ministry District of Lower Yorke Peninsular)

Well, we will know the footy results, long week here and gone and the opening of the Bowling and Sailing Season now begins...and the count down to Christmas...

Trash/Treasure is open every Saturday, so come and browse plenty of bargains of winter clothing and soon summer wear to appear as we head to the warmer weather.

The community garden is heading into the next phase and look forward to hear from interested parties as per advertised Page in this Focal Point....

Fr. Andrew and Louise Lang will be arriving 1st week of October and a new phase begins for our District Ministry.

Each morning is a fresh beginning. We are, as it were, just beginning life. We have it entirely in our own hands. And when the morning with it's fresh beginning comes, all yesterday's, with which we have nothing to do. (By Ralph Waldo Trine)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13 )

Stop and consider God's wonders. (Job 37:14)

## CHURCH DATES:-

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| 30th Sept 10.30am  | HOLY COMMUNION with Rev. Henry Ivey at St, Benedict, Minlaton.<br><b><i>Followed by farewell pooled luncheon in church hall.</i></b> |
| 5th October 7:30pm | St, Benedict, Minlaton will be the Commissioning Service of Fr. Andrew Lang . All are welcome.                                       |
| 14th October 11am  | MORNING PRAYER. With Pam   |
| 28th October 11am  | HOLY COMMUNION. with Fr. Andrew Lang   |

**Pam Biggs**

## ST NEOT'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

*We are looking for:*

*Willing helpers to help build our garden*

*Plants—vegetable & ornamental*

*Treated pine sleepers*

*Good clean compost*

*Please contact: Pam Biggs 8853 7340  
Sue Pike 0448 853 742*



*Your assistance is really appreciated. The garden will be open to residents and visitors alike and will attract native birds and bees. People will be invited to help with the gardening, sit in quiet tranquillity and just walk around and enjoy.*

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- MONDAY :** **Blue Bush Club**-Institute Supper Room  
2nd & 4th Monday of each month 9.45am,  
Lunch provided.  
**RSL Meeting** - in RSL room at the  
Memorial Bowling Club  
2pm on 4th Monday of each month.
- TUESDAY :** **Tidy Towns** working bees 8:30am-12noon  
**Ladies' Golf** (Winter)  
**Senior Citizens** each week 1:30pm  
BBQ lunch 1st Tuesday of the month  
12:30pm February-December.  
**Doctor** in Senior Citizens Hall 10am—  
4.30pm each week  
**Craft/Patchwork**—1b Ramsay Street
- WEDNESDAY :**  
**Progress Assn meeting** at 7.30pm on 1st  
Wednesday of each month  
**Men's Golf** (Winter)  
**Men's Bowls** (Summer)  
**Uniting Church Drop-in Centre** 10am-12noon  
**Uniting Church Ladies Fellowship** 4th  
Wed. in month in Church Hall 2:00 pm.  
(Except January)
- THURSDAY :** **Ladies' Bowls** (Summer)  
**Meals on Wheels** delivery  
**Coast Guard Flotilla** Meetings 3rd Thurs  
**CWA** 2nd in month 1:30pm in Snr Cits Hall
- FRIDAY :** **Uniting Church Drop-in Centre** 10am- 12noon  
**Library** 9.30-11.30am In Institute  
**Podiatrist** in Dr's rooms, Senior Cits hall  
1st Friday of each month
- SATURDAY :** **Men's Golf** (Winter)  
**Open Gender Bowls** (Summer)  
**Coast Guard Training** 1st Sat in month 9am  
**St Neot's Trash'n'Treasure** 9am-12noon
- SUNDAY :** **Uniting Church** 9:15am  
**St Neot's**—see church door  
**Sailing** (Summer) 2pm-5.30pm

*If the time, day or venue for your meetings has changed, or if your club etc has ceased to meet, this page will need to be updated please advise the Editor:*

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## BUS SERVICE

Please check timetable prior to travelling

***Bus departs from and arrives at the Port Vincent Corner Deli & Takeaway.***

**Tickets available same location**

**Phone 8853 7060**

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